



# YOUNG SANDLOT TEAMS WARNED TO KEEP WITHIN AGE LIMITS IN SERIES

By R. D. THOMAS.

Extra warning to senior, junior and midget teams to play the game square in the matter of keeping within their age limits was issued today by the management of the city independent championship series. This year violations of the eligibility rules will cost the delinquents money. Attention is directed to the penalty provided for infringements of this character. A fine of half the entrance money will be slapped on teams submitting the names of players over the age limits, the coin to be replaced before the team will be allowed to play.

The entire entrance fee will be forfeited if two players entered are proved ineligible, and if more than two are entered the money will be forfeited and the team excluded from the series. This stringent rule was made in line with a policy to make the series a true championship affair, with a square deal for every team taking part.

A record-breaking entry is presaged by the issuance of more than fifty entry blanks within a few days after they were ready. An almost constant stream of managers continues to tramp into The Washington Times sports department. The rules, printed on the back of the entry blank, appear to be meeting with popular approval.

Many teams plan to hold off turning in entries until the last day, June 15. They have new players to qualify and are taking no chance on submitting a player now and relying on him playing the required three games, before the lists close.

Every opportunity has been given teams to make all members eligible and the same will be accorded team managers to check up on rivals. The entries will close June 15. On June 16 the names of teams and players will be published and seven days will be allowed to enter protests.

Before a single contest takes place, every protest will be decided and the team will be allowed to enter the big campaign without fearing a flock of kicks on players to mar the sport.

Any team using a ringer after the competition has begun will be thrown out unceremoniously. Indications are that virtually every unlimited class team in the city will enter. Several have difficulties to overcome before it will be practical to take work, and these are now busy working out their problems.

The Knickerbockers are rounding into shape following recent troubles and are making every effort to have things in shape to put up a big fight for the city championship. Bill Rapp and Carroll Daly, coach and manager, respectively, have gathered some new players, and are making special arrangements to qualify them for the series.

Paul Cox and Tony Jarvis, who left the Knickerbockers to join the Mohawks, will be played in three games Saturday and Sunday, and probably in one on Wednesday. Cox is an infielder and outfielder, and Jarvis is an outfielder. Both are capable performers.

The Hamilton Lyceum team will vote on its entry. Tom Green, the business manager, is understood to favor the proposition. With a crack twirling staff, the Lyceum feels they would be one of the leading contenders. According to Heine West, Union Printer, yesterday, voted to join the Hamilton Lyceum team. Heine West is the head pitcher of the Lyceum.

Some of the teams are talking over the collection situation. It is probable that most of them will decide on a sixty-fifty split in series games, with the winner taking the big end.

## BARNSTORMING BAN KEPT BY NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, June 10.—The National League at a special meeting held in the offices of President John Heydler yesterday, voted to retain the present rule which prohibits members of world series teams participating in barnstorming jaunts after the close of the season.

After a discussion among the seven club owners present it was decided to keep the prohibition rule as a good one and should not be modified or changed. Recommendation to this effect will be made to Commissioner Landis.

It was this clause in baseball law that kept Babe Ruth, Bob Meusel and other players, and which earned them suspensions at the beginning of the present season.

## LEONARD AND BRITTON TO SIGN TO CLASH ON JUNE 26

NEW YORK, June 10.—Being that the only rush in where anglers fear a stubbed toe, Benny Leonard and Jack Britton have decided to go through to the letter and spirit of their agreement to box for the entertainment of New York's flaccid public that came to attend.

Twenty-four hours ago the affair was definitely off. Leonard and Britton having declined to stand for a change of time from noon to 10 p. m. on Sunday at the New York Velodrome, where Leonard faced the necessity of defending his welterweight title. But in the meantime, the good word went out that the boxers had laid themselves open to commission. The signing at Rickard's terms—for June 26 was rather flaccid in its haste.

## MOHAWKS TO HAVE BUSY TIME OVER WEEK-END

Three games will be played Saturday and Sunday by the crack Mohawk team on its field at Seventeenth and D streets southeast. On Saturday the Junior Order of United American Mechanics club will be encountered at 1 p. m. and on Sunday the Mohawks will play the Indians at 10 a. m. The Union Printers will oppose the Indians Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Paul Cox and Tony Jarvis will appear for the first time in Mohawk uniforms Saturday.

## Pounds And Dollars Dropped in Tennis Matches

The new conference intercollegiate tennis champion, Carl Wirthwein, of Ohio State, almost melted away during the recent tournament in Chicago. After one day's play he dropped from 183 pounds to 128 pounds. "That's nothing," says a golfer, "in one day's play on the links I dropped more than that in real dollars."

During the two days' tournament the new tennis champion played 159 games and was busy on the courts on the second day from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

## Says "SKILLET" Finn, Esq. Envious Citizens Stop Speaking Out of Jealousy as to Oldest Ford in Captivity, Living or Dead.

By KIRK MILLER.

PILOT of this demented diary of daily contentions receives insulting letter from somewhere or other stating that "Spik Collins is a liar by both standard, daylight savings, railroad and Rocky Mountain time."

Correspondent seems to have changed territory pretty well in that brief indictment of Mr. Collins, whom we have known a number of all-maniacs and never in our lives ascertained him in a falsehood.

Only mitigating circumstance is that the correspondent is a quondam resident of the most obnoxious Ford is not chaffed by M. Collins, but by leery citizen of Petworth who can be detected slinking north on Sherman avenue every evening just about the time the sun begins to set.

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In journalistic slang we take that last crack to mean that proprietor of salt-water buggy doesn't go abroad much in the daylight, but prefers to permeate a domestic atmosphere at an hour of the day when defects are disguised by a fast-declining sun.

Anyway it seems that the neighbors' children out in Petworth are wont to gather along the curb of an evening and await the advent of the oldest sliver in Washington, together with its obdurate patron saint.

Same device making a noise akin to a windmill in distress on a southbound hatchet marooned on the rockbound coast of some narrow-gauge scenic railway in the Canadian Asores.

This Ford machine is the original model which gave the inventor his first inspiration to rescue America from an epidemic of run-down heels.

Owner has had it so long his whiskers have turned a slight rust color. He cranks his elbow every time he cranks highly sensitive device of scientific price-brace, which has never seen the inside of a garage since the day it was hatched.

He complains that this would be a very happy world indeed if it were not for Fords and dandruff, both of which he testifies to as an expert under oath. He is willing to match either with anybody in the District of Columbia or haunts.

## Bailey Fined and Suspended.

MONTREAL, June 10.—Catcher Bailey, of the Three Rivers baseball team, who started a disturbance Wednesday after which Umpire Mahoney was maltreated by the crowd, was indefinitely suspended today by President Page, of the Ontario Canadian League, and fined \$200. It was announced that Mahoney would be able to umpire in a game at Valleyfield today.

## Outdoor Sports



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## GEORGE BURNS DAY OBSERVED IN NEW YORK

Fans Pay Homage to Veteran Outfielder, Now With Reds, at Polo Grounds.

By THOMAS L. CUMMISKEY.

NEW YORK, June 10.—George Burns, long of the Giants, will be honored today at the Polo Grounds, the field on which he performed so well in his silent, steady going, effective fashion for so many years.

It will be known as George Burns Day, and should be a memorable one for the veteran outfielder, now playing center field for the Cincinnati Reds. The Reds will be making their first appearance at Burns' home field this season.

As the most casual follower of the big time knows, Burns was sent to the Reds last winter in a deal that brought Heinie Groh to the Giants, and gave the Cian McGraw the greatest infield in the game. McGraw, however, wanted a crack infield. He wanted to put a man at third, as he has in Groh, who could figure along flashily with Kelly at first, Friesch at second, and Bancroft at short. So, though he must have thought it a long time he let Burns go.

We have no statistics available to show just how many games have been lost this year by the Giants which the presence of Burns would have averted, but we know they tot up quite a few.

They don't come any surer than George Burns in getting after fly balls, and as lead-off man, as a hitter, as a base stealer, and as an all-around "smart" player. Burns rates high up with the best.

On top of all these fine playing qualifications which he demonstrated day in and day out for years with the Giants, Burns' personality was a great host of admirers. "Silent George," as he is known, went along unassuming, playing the game in the truest sense. One never heard a squawk from Burns of the ribald kind. At times when he thought an umpire off on his eyesight or something he would give a quite a reproachful look.

It's probable that Burns felt this silent regard of umpires much more deeply than the customary howling of a great flock of players. We were struck at this moment with a desire to see what Burns did today over in Brooklyn. We found that he got three hits, one a triple, in five times at bat. Scored a run, snuffed four fly balls, and stole a sack. That's pretty good.

It's a good bet that if he should be primarily instrumental in beating the Giants Saturday, the crowd and it is sure to be a big one, will cheer him long. In itself, such a thing will show truly the high regard in which he is held.

All around the circuit, too, for the matter, Burns is very popular. Utica, N. Y. has been particularly sent a fine type to the big leagues.

## Garfield in Big Game.

The Garfield team will encounter Clarendon in what looks as a big game for the suburbanites Sunday. The Garfields will meet Sunday at Twelfth street and Pennsylvania avenue at 1 p. m. Clarendon will play at the Garfields.

## Says Damon Runyon: NO CINCH FOR GIANTS AND YANKS.

Some time ago we predicted in this column that neither the Giants nor the Yankees would romp away with the pennants in their respective leagues. For hazarding that opinion and for venturing to assert that the world's championship would encounter more stern midsummer opposition than the Yankees, we have been duly reprimanded by numerous correspondents.

Yet, what do the figures say? The Giants, after losing the field in the first dash, are now being seriously menaced by the Pirates and Cardinals. Brooklyn, by virtue of good pitching, is climbing fast. The Yankees are about to embark on a long tour. Their lead over the Browns is so slight that it could be dissipated in a brief series of games.

We agree with many of our critics who insist the local teams SHOULD win. However, there seems to be no disposition on the part of other clubs to surrender in advance of actual hostilities. The slogan in ten major league cities is "Anything to beat New York."

## The Uncertainty of Baseball.

At the beginning of the season the Giants were regarded as sure repeaters in the National League. It seemed to be a question of pitching, and McGraw improved his equipment during the past winter. The Pirates, after their colossal failure last season and the necessity for reorganization, were figured out of it. The Cardinals alone were "doped" to harass the Giants.

The Yankees, on the other hand, started the season with grim forboding and a panicky rush for substitutes to fill in for Ruth and Meusel. Hardly anybody surmised they would be leading the league after six weeks of campaigning without Ruth and Meusel. Hope centered in the pitchers. However, pitching is only a negative asset. Runs are produced by batting.

In the beginning, therefore, the Giants enjoyed by far the better prospect of winning the pennant "away off" and sailing it away before September.

Based on predictions on the strength of the Yankee pitching staff—a strength that will become more apparent in midseason when the drive is on and double-headers pile up. These pitchers held up the Yanks in the first three weeks of the season by truly remarkable spring performances. The batting is heavier now, but the Yanks are doing their share of it.

The Quality of the Opposition. The improvement in certain contending teams in both leagues may be discounted. The Pittsburgh club is a notoriously weak "road club." The Pirates made their spurt during a long stay at home. The Cardinals have not lived up to expectations either at home or abroad. They can hit, but do not seem to get the pitching. The Giants are not fitting just now, either, but they cannot complain about the quality of their pitching, which is generally good.

We expect to see the Giants shake off their rivals within the next six weeks. We believe the Yankees will discover some trouble in the West. They may be ousted from first place before they return to the Polo Grounds. However, they should carry on successfully in July and August when their veteran pitchers attain top form and Ruth is blasting. There is much dynamite in a batting order that is topped off by Whitey Witt and has as reliable a "pincher" as Scott in it, to say nothing of the big guns.

The St. Louis Browns are the only American League team to appear to class with the Yankees. They get that way by supporting good pitchers with good hitters. Detroit is represented by a dangerous club, but one that will not stand in a drive. The Cleveland Indians have about their championship belt, but still can be classed as an average team. Washington has a team that is crawling in behind the Browns and which may make a three-cornered fight of it with the Yankees and Browns.

## By TAD TY COBB'S EXPERIMENT IN DETROIT PROVES OF INTEREST

Out in Detroit there is a most interesting experiment going on; that is, interesting to followers of baseball. A man, long a star of the first rank and for no little while the best of them all, but now to rank of the managers, is attempting a task at which the seasoned Connie Mack has failed these many years.

Ty Cobb in his second year as manager of the Tigers has turned them into the sensation of the year in the American League. True, Connie Mack's own Athletics have created some comment by their unexpected climb from the cellar, but then Connie Mack has been trying for nearly ten years to make himself a winner out of untried material. Cobb is apparently accomplishing it in the space of two.

Woodman, Woodman, Oh, Spare That Elm Tree

An ancient golfer has expressed the opinion that a tree has no place on a golf course. The same may be said of many of the players. Trees, according to the present-day golf experts, encourage more accurate play, and are just as important as the most cunningly placed bunkers.

It is usually the player's own fault when he comes in contact with a tree. This type of hazard also encourages numerous trick shots, and to see some professionals hook around a tree trunk makes the ordinary player feel that it is necessary to be a magician to play the game properly.

In the event of a player being troubled by the trees on a course, the remedy which the instructors always suggest is to keep away from them. Beautiful scenery cannot always be sacrificed to insure easy golf shots.

Connie Mack tore a team of veteran stars apart and sold it on the open market with the avowed purpose of building himself another winning team. That is, out of material obtained from the lesser leagues and playing fields.

Connie held that he had built the first team and there was no reason why he shouldn't be able to build another. He has been a long time doing the job. Cobb is out with the identical purpose in mind. The two men are extremes—Mack tall, lank and taciturn; Cobb voluble, active, scintillating.

Cobb has laid great stress on speed, as would be perfectly natural in one who was himself perhaps the fastest man who ever flashed spikes along the base path. To this he has added youth. He plans next season to have the fastest young infield in the American League. With Blue at first, the newly-acquired Brady at second, Rigney at second, and Jones on third, the Tigers will accomplish this result. Brady is very highly regarded, and is credited with a .300 batting ability and fielding skill above the ordinary.

Archdeacon, the other man just obtained, is reputed to be the fastest man playing in organized game today. He is a fast runner, and his records for circling the bases.

A small chap, something on the order of Witt, of the Yanks, he covers a good deal of ground in the outfield for the International League. Whether he can play big league baseball or not has yet to be ascertained. If he makes good, Cobb plans to use him in left field, with Heilmann and himself to boot the rest of the outer defense line.

To date Cobb has been relying to a large extent on the work of some of his younger pitchers. But recently there have been signs of a rounding to form on the part of Ehmke, Dauss and Red Oldham. Cobb, it is known, expects Ehmke to turn into a star this year. Herman Pillette, a man who has been an outfielder for the Tigers for several seasons, is interesting.

Pillette was "thrown in" when Detroit made its deal with Portland for Sylvester Johnson. But with Johnson injured, Pillette is apparently the factor making the deal worth while.

Pillette is not exactly a "rookie." He had a trial with the Cincinnati Reds in 1917. He was sent back, however, for the more or less noted Ken Williams, of the Browns, and kicked around the Northwest for four or five years until the Tigers took him this winter.

## ENGLISH POLOISTS ENTER U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Official announcement that England will send a polo team here this summer to compete in the United States national open championship and other tournaments was made today by the Polo Association in New York. The association is awaiting details of the team make-up and its plans.

The Argentine four also may play here. The South Americans, encouraged by their success in England, have cabled to Buenos Aires asking permission for their two army members to come here.

Consent is expected, but if it is not given an Irish team will be invited, officials of the association said. The California team, which left for its polo stand the eastern climate.

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